(c) if so, the details thereof and the current status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Government had decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Schemes to state sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005 and accordingly, no funds have been allocated during 2005-2006 for sports infrastructure schemes. As such, new sports infrastructure project has to be considered and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources. All Chief Secretaries of States including Himachal Pradesh were informed accordingly on 28.2.2005. In view thereof fresh proposals have not been entertained from Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, No, Sir.

Facilities required for Commonwealth Games

487. SHRI R.P. GOENKA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh review has been undertaken to asess the progress made in creating/upgrading the various projects/facilities required for holding the prestigious 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi;

(b) if so, the results thereof and efforts being made to complete the proposed works on time, projects-wise;

(c) whether assigned team of experts for venue appraisals, has made certain suggestions concerning the Games Villages site and other venues for the Games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the action taken/proposed to be taken to alter the venue(s) and/or improve the environs of the sites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) (a) The arrangements for holding the Commonwealth Games 2010 at Delhi are underway, A review of existing infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken. The existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) with required upgradation and renovation would be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games.

A Task Force for upgradation/renovation of SAI's infrastructure has been set up and the consultancy on SAI's existing infrastructure has been assigned to CPWD. Condition Survey of SAI's existing five Stadia at Delhi has been undertaken.

Regarding construction of Commonwealth Games Village a site off the Nizamuddin Bridge has been identified. Delhi Development Authority has also commenced the action to prepare preliminary designs in respect of new venues & Games Village proposed to be constructed by it. In addition DDA has engaged M/s Event Knowledge Service for Venue Reappraisal Study who have submitted a draft report.

A Core Committee has been set up by Government of NCT of Delhi under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi to prepare a master plan for improvement/upgradation of civic amenities in Delhi for Commonwealth Games, 2010. The Government of NCT of Delhi is in the process of finalizing plans for upgradation of roads, health care, civic amenities, traffic management as well as parking for the Commonwealth Games.

(b) to (d) The draft report submitted by M/s Event Knowledge Service has suggested various options for clusterisation of sports venues and has also flagged issued like traffic bottlenecks, proximity to Akshardham Temple & a railway track in respect of location of Games Village. The matter is being discussed with various stakeholders to concretize the final option in respect of venue infrastructure as well as to meet the concerns in respect of Games Village.

Allocation of funds to various States

488. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extend grants for construction of sports complexes, indoor stadium, swimming pools, etc., to States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with grants released for such projects to various States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the request of Government of Karnataka for construction of the sports complexes, indoor stadium, swimming pools, etc. in various parts of the State is pending consideration of the Central Government; and